

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving search results in response to a query, the query including one or more keywords, the search results including a first search result and a second search result; generating a set of final search results from the received search results with one or more processors, including:

adding the first search result to the set of final search results;

determining that a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result are query-specific duplicate documents from a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, where each query-relevant part includes at least one of the one or more keywords; and

in response to the determination, not adding the second search result to the set of final search results; and

presenting the set of final search results.

47. (Cancelled) The method of claim 46 wherein the act of generating a set of final search results includes

1) determining, using the one or more keywords, whether or not a candidate search result is similar to a search result already in the set of final search results, and

2) if it is determined that the candidate search result is similar to a search result already

in the set of final search results, then not adding the candidate search result to the set of final search results.

48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein:
the received search results further include a third search result; and
generating the set of final search results further includes:

determining that the first document and a third document corresponding to the third search result are not query-specific duplicate documents based on a comparison of the one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more third query-relevant parts of the third document; and

in response to the determination, adding the third search result to the set of final search results.

49. (Previously presented) An apparatus comprising:
at least one processor; and
at least one storage device storing processor executable instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, processes search results by:

receiving search results in response to a query, the query including one or more keywords, the search results including a first search result and a second search result;

generating a set of final search results from the received search results, including:

adding the first search result to the set of final search results;

determining that a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result are query-specific duplicate documents from a comparison of one or more of the first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, where each query-relevant part includes at least one of the one or more keywords; and

in response to the determination, not adding the second search result to the set of

final search results; and
presenting the set of final search results.

50. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein:
the received search results further include a third search result; and
generating the set of final search results further includes:

determining that the first document and a third document corresponding to the third search result are not query-specific duplicate documents based on a comparison of the one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more third query-relevant parts of the third document; and

in response to the determination, adding the third search result to the set of final search results.

51. (Previously presented) An apparatus for processing search results, the apparatus comprising:

a storage device for storing search results generated in response to a query, the query including one or more keywords, and for storing at least one of the one or more keywords, where the search results include a first search result and a second search result;

a final results generator for generating a set of final search results from the search results stored in the storage facility, the generating including:

adding the first search result to the set of final search results;

determining whether a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result are query-specific duplicate documents from a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, where each of the query-relevant parts includes at least one of the one or more keywords stored in the storage facility; and

adding the second search result to the set of final search results when the similarity determination facility determines that the first document and the second document are not query-specific duplicate documents and not adding the second search result to the set of final search results when the similarity determination facility determines the first document and the second document are query-specific duplicate documents; and

a final results presenter for presenting the set of final search results.

52. – 54. (Cancelled)

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

56. – 57. (Cancelled)

58. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

59. – 60. (Cancelled)

61. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the set of final search results includes Web pages.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the receiving search results and generating a set of final search results are performed automatically, without the need for user intervention.

63. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the final results generator operates automatically, without the need for user intervention.

64. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the query-relevant parts include a predetermined number of characters.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the query-relevant parts include a predetermined number of words.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the query-relevant parts are sentences.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46 wherein the query-relevant parts are paragraphs.

68. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts include a predetermined number of characters.

69. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts include a predetermined number of words.

70. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts are sentences.

71. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the query-relevant parts are paragraphs.

72. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving search results that have been generated in response to a query, the query including one or more keywords, the search results including a first search result and a second search result;

identifying, with one or more processors, a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result as query-specific duplicate documents based on a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, where each query-relevant part includes at least one of the one or more keywords;

generating a set of final search results from the received set of search results, where the set of final search results includes the first search result but not the second search result according to the identification of the first and second documents as a query-specific duplicate documents; and

presenting the set of final search results.

73. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
at least one processor; and
at least one storage device storing processor executable instructions which, when executed by the at least one processor, causes the at least one processor to perform operations comprising:

receiving search results that have been generated in response to a query, the query including one or more keywords, the search results including a first search result and a second search result;

identifying a first document corresponding to the first search result and a second document corresponding to the second search result as query-specific duplicate documents based on a comparison of one or more first query-relevant parts of the first document and one or more second query-relevant parts of the second document, where each query-relevant part includes at least one of the one or more keywords;

generating a set of final search results from the received set of search results, where the set of final search results includes the first search result but not the second search result according to the identification of the first and second documents as a query-specific duplicate documents; and

presenting the set of final search results.